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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Died of Consumption—

John Brandt of Seaside died yesterday morning after a lingering illness with consumption. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Petition Filed—

A petition from G. H. Ekstrom and others asking that Kensington avenue from Eighth to Eleventh streets be improved its full width was filed with the auditor yesterday.

Funeral of James Johnston—

The funeral of James Johnston who was found dead in his scow at Alderbrook will take place today at 1:30 p. m. The interment will be Greenwood Cemetery.

Another in Line—

Johan Henrik, a native of Norway, was before County Clerk Clinton yesterday with his sworn declaration in behalf of his ultimate citizenship in the United States of America.

Scotland Forever!—

Dr. Hiram Foulkes of the Portland Presbyterian Church will lecture to-night in the Presbyterian Church. Stereopticon and wholly free! The Young Men's League cordially invites everybody to attend.

Ill and Feeble With Age—

Mrs. Mayes, an aged lady, who lately reached this city from Brookfield with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Lutschinger, is reported very ill at that gentleman's home on Second street. Mrs. Mayes is in the neighborhood of 74 years of age.

Certificate of Approval—

A certificate of approval upon the completion of Exchange street from Twelfth to Eleventh street was filed yesterday. The work was done by Palmberg and Heblack and the contract price was \$996.

Don't Let it Escape—

Astoria young people will do well to remember the grand ball that is to be given on the night of St. Patrick's Day, March 17, next Tuesday, by the Astoria Athletic Club in aid of the work of putting the athletic field in fine workable shape for the season. There will be good times at both centers, in the ball-room, and on the ark-ground later.

Doing Its Intended Work—

General Agent Giles B. Johnson, of the A. & C. Railway, in this city, yesterday received a letter from Ike Walpole, of Bokhoma, Oklahoma, asking for details on the cost of transportation thence to this city, and concluding his letter in this fashion: "I mean business; the special Morn-

ing Astorian makes me want to come to Oregon." Thus it will be seen that the Homeseekers' and Investors' edition of this paper, put out on the 23rd of last month, is quietly at work, along the lines and in the places, for which it was compiled, to which it was despatched.

Cathlamet in Mourning—

Word comes down the stricken town of Cathlamet that all business has been suspended there until after the double funeral of the victims of Wednesday morning's fire, Messrs. Sheets and McCoy, who suffered death in the burning of the hotel Columbia. No one seems to know nor care what is done for the time being, save that due honors shall be paid the men who perished in such unhappy fashion; but things will come out all right after a few days and the lively city will be itself again.

The B. S. & L. Association—

W. F. Buffam, John Hahn, F. L. Ball, C. F. Swander and Fred Karinen, are the names of well known Astorians appended to the articles of incorporation of the Banking, Savings & Loan Association filed yesterday with County Clerk Clinton. The name of the association tells very plainly of its business purposes; and its headquarter office will be established in this city.

Turner vs. Turner—

The entire day, yesterday, was given up to the concluding phases of the divorce proceedings in the case of Joseph Turner vs. Blon Turner. The taking of testimony was closed during the afternoon, and argument having been waived by the attorneys in interest, Judge McBride made a very prompt ruling denying the writ sued for. This is a patent victory for Mrs. Blon Turner. Notice of appeal was given and entered. Other matters in which final entries were made, were: In the matter of the divorce prayed for by Alice Pearl Geddes against William H. Geddes, default was entered and decree granted. In the case of Anna Albers vs. Folkert Albers, for divorce, the decree fell as prayed for.

The Round Table—

Last night a new literary club was organized for the purpose of studying the works of authors of international reputation. In other words

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they will take a book and read it chapter by chapter, one chapter at a meeting, then an open discussion of it will be in order and probably some papers will be devoted to the analysis of the author's ideas, etc. The club is composed of the men of the Presbyterian Church and is styled "the Round Table." The first book to be taken up will be by Josiah Strong "The Challenge of the City." The officers of the club are J. A. Eakin, president; W. S. Gilbert, vice-president; H. Leinenweber, second vice-president; Allen Anderson, third vice-president; Howard M. Brownell, secretary, and C. R. Higgins, treasurer. The club starts off with a charter membership of 26.

Baseball Franchise—

Astoria is to be in the Tri-City baseball league this coming season, so George Jackson reports as the result of his meeting with the directors in Portland, on Wednesday. There are eight "nines" in the league and are Astoria, St. Johns, Oregon City, East Portland, West Portland, Salem, Woodburn and Vancouver. It is Mr. Jackson's intention to form a stock company who will own and manage the home team.

Attachment Placed—

Pursuant to judgment entered, a writ of attachment issued yesterday in the Circuit Court, in the matter of the Weinhard Estate vs. Peter E. Peterson, proprietor of the Mirror Saloon, at the corner of Thirteenth and Bond streets, for the recovery of the sum of judgment, and all costs, \$2130.95, with \$150 as attorney's fees; the stock and fixtures at that stand being taken over by Sheriff Pomeroy in this behalf. It is said that Councilman George Kaboth holds a judgment against the same proprietor in the sum of \$500.

Joseph Gaston Here—

Yesterday morning's boat from the metropolis brought to this city a well known and active Oregonian in the person of Joseph Gaston, a pioneer railroad builder in this State, and for years one of its leading editorial figures; a man thoroughly acquainted with the men and facts of historic Oregon, and still possessing a profound interest in her well-being. Mr. Gaston is out as a Republican nominee for the office of railroad commissioner for Oregon, and will circulate among the people of the city and county in this behalf, many of whom are old-time friends of his.

Cut This Out—

The following simple facts that everyone in Astoria should know, but which no one seems to, just at the time when he wants to most, are printed in order to ward off the repeated inquiries in this behalf addressed to the reporters of this paper, and which even they cannot answer without looking it up each time: The Astoria precincts are bounded as follows: FIRST: Smith's Point to Second street; SECOND: Second street to Seventh; THIRD: Seventh street to Tenth; FOURTH: Tenth street to Fourteenth; FIFTH: Fourteenth to Twenty-first; SIXTH: Twenty-first to Thirty-fifth; SEVENTH: Thirty-fifth to the eastern limit of the city.

After Twenty Years—

His hosts of friends were glad to greet Edward H. Joseph on the streets of Astoria yesterday, after his three months in Europe. He is looking healthy and hearty and says he is glad to be back in old Oregon, although he enjoyed every mile and hour of his sojourn abroad. He had a dual motive in going over the Atlantic; to attend to some important business for the big establishment of which he is manager, the F. Klevenhusen Co.'s cold storage plant at Altoona; and to visit his old home, and his mother, whom he has not seen since his boyhood, 20 years ago. The latter feature of the journey compensated for all else, and he is devoutly glad he made the trip in that behalf, as are, of course, his mother and relatives in Colchester, England. Mr. Joseph visited London, Cambridge, Oxford, Colchester, Bremen and Berlin on the other side and had business in Chicago and New York on this side. He finds the fish market generally dull, with more fish on hand than usual at this time of the year. The raw producer is illy balanced as to quality, as the European markets requires, and this he attributes to the unreliable sources of that supply, which, in this country particularly, come primarily from the hatcheries, a source not nearly so adequate nor generous in volume, as natural propagation, which he firmly believes to be the best and greatest doctrines of successful fish production. Mr. Joseph went over on the Kaiser Wilhelm II., and returned on the famous and beautiful Mauretania.

REMINISCENT AND INTERESTING FACTS

BIT OF PIONEER RAILWAY HISTORY IN WHICH CYRUS OLNEY AND ASTORIA FIGURE CONSPICUOUSLY.

The Astorian had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Joseph Gaston, now a candidate for the Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Gaston's career makes an interesting and important chapter in the development of the State, and is especially interesting to the people of Astoria on account of his efforts to make Astoria the Pacific Ocean terminus of a transcontinental railroad more than 30 years ago.

Judge Cyrus Olney, one of the founders of this city, and Joseph Gaston—the caller of yesterday—spent the winter of '69 and '70 at Washington City promoting congressional action in aid of railroad construction in Oregon. They succeeded in getting a land grant in aid of a railroad from Portland to McMinnville with a branch from the line at Forest Grove through the Nehalem Valley to Astoria. Connected with that, and as an integral part of a system of railroads to develop Oregon, it was agreed by and between the parties securing this grant that a bill should be introduced in Congress granting lands in aid of a railroad from the Central Pacific Railroad at Winnemucca, in the State of Nevada, to Eugene City in Oregon, to be passed at that session of Congress, and that at the next ensuing Congress the secured grant should be extended from McMinnville to Eugene, thus providing a connecting grant of public lands for a railroad from Winnemucca to Astoria and Portland, and making Astoria one of the Pacific Coast termini of the transcontinental Union and Central Pacific Railroad systems. Upon that agreement Collis P. Huntington, the great financier of the Central and Southern Pacific systems, entered into a contract to finance and secure the construction of the Oregon system. The parties to that contract were B. J. Pengra, president of the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road Company; Joseph Gaston, president of the Oregon Central Railroad Company; Cyrus Olney, representing the interests of Astoria; Thomas Fitch, member of Congress of Nevada, and Mr. Huntington.

The bill for the land grant from Winnemucca to Eugene was introduced in the Senate as agreed upon, but after being so introduced it was amended at the instance of Ben Holladay, then the owner of the Oregon and California land grant, so as to require the road from Winnemucca to connect with the Holladay road in the Rogue River Valley. That, of course, would prevent the Winnemucca line from connecting at Eugene with the grant to Astoria—and that amendment defeated the whole plan, and knocked Astoria out of a connection with the railroads of the country for 30 years, because Mr. Huntington at once withdrew from his agreement to furnish the money to build the road from Winnemucca to Astoria. Holladay saw at once that if Huntington was allowed to build into Oregon he (Holladay) would have to take a back seat in the railroad development of the State.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. G. W. Lounsberry, accompanied by Miss Lola Foard went to Clatsop yesterday morning to spend a few days at their ranch.

Mrs. W. R. McBeth, wife of the hustling "Oregonian Man" left yesterday for a short visit to Seattle.

P. S. Brumby and J. R. Gamble, both of Portland are in the city investigating timber projects.

Harry White of New York is an Astoria visitor looking after business.

H. B. Donabey of Portland is in town on a business quest.

J. Walter Page, representing the Los Angeles Soap Company, is quartered at the Northern.

AT THE STAR.

That the Donald Bell Company are preparing for a long run at the Star, was evinced last night in their first production of "Sandy Bottom." The quaint first act setting, showing a square in the little Virginia village from which the play takes its name, with the little stone church on one side, and the somewhat dilapidated saloon opposite, was prettily handled, while the village choir, the church-bell effect, and lastly, the rather sensational murder of the new minister,

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introduced a new idea to Star patrons. The second act, showing the interior of the witches hut, with its blazing fireplace; and outside, the realistic snowstorm, the snow-decked trees, and the white-capped mountains in the distance, spoke well for the company's scenic artist. The last two acts were ordinary. The play in itself tells a simple interesting story not unlike many others of its class; except that the comedy element was far better than the average. The specialties of Mr. Donald and Mr. McCowell were better than the usual vaudeville acts. All in all "Sandy Bottom" is one of the most pleasing bills yet presented by this talented little company, and should easily fill the house during the remainder of the week. Miss Tucker as "Tib" was an excellent presentation of the part and serves perhaps better than any other she has appeared in here to emphasize her versatility.

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G. M. Ross to H. P. Howard, lots 33, 34, 35, 36, block 45, New Astoria; \$1.

George Noland and wife to G. M. Nichols, lots 5 to 12, inclusive, and fraction land, Long Branch; \$550.

Same, to same, fraction, lot in block 4, Long Branch; \$1.

U. S. to Ellen Shuck, SW. 1-4 sec. 11-4-10.

G. V. Pagander to Astoria A. T. & T. Co., lots 7 and 8, block 42, Rock Beach; \$50.

Mary N. B. Morrison to C. F. Lester, lots 5 to 14, inclusive, block 13, Clatsop Gardens; \$10.

U. S. to W. F. Simpson, patent, SW. 1-4 section 24-4-6.

Maude Richardson et ux. to Theodore Bracker, lot 2, block 52, Shively's Astoria; \$350.

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PAPERS SERVED ON THAW.

MATTEAWAN, N. Y., March 12.

The papers in the case of Evelyn Thaw against Harry Thaw for the annulment of the marriage were served on Thaw at the Asylum tonight. At the same time a copy of the summons and complaint were delivered to Superintendent Lamb of the Asylum who is the legal guardian of the defendant.

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